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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999 (item 4 (a))

Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

1. At its 22nd meeting, on 25 June 1997, the Committee considered section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

Discussion

2. Several delegations expressed their support for the activities of the International Trade Centre.

3. Some delegations recalled the mandate established for the Centre by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996 in the context of its approval of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 and stressed the need to uphold the role of the General Assembly in the review and approval of the programme of work and budget of the Centre.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee noted with concern that, owing to the request of the World Trade Organization to revise the arrangements governing the programme budget of the International Trade Centre since 1974, the programme of work of the Centre

for the biennium 1998-1999 was not available for review by the Committee. As a result, the Committee was not in a position to make recommendations to the General Assembly on section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO.

5. The Committee took note of the statement of the representative of the Secretariat that a revised section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, containing a complete description of the programme of work derived from the relevant subprogrammes of programme 9, Trade and development, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 and detailed information on resources, will be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session for review and approval.